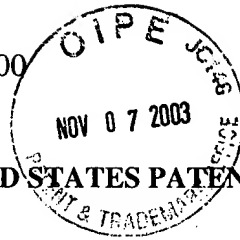


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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time up to and including November 7, 2003 to respond to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2003.

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